

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action mailed March 10, 2005 has been carefully considered.

Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claim 25-41 and 61-71. Applicants are further grateful for the indication of allowability of claims 22-24 subject to their re-writing in independent form. Applicant declines to rewrite the claims at this time, but reserves the right to do so at a later date.

**Judicially-created Double Patenting**

Claims 15-19 were rejected pursuant to the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 19-23 of copending United States application No. 10/319,260. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer executed by Applicant's Attorney. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

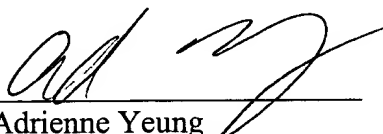
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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